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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Protection of Environment
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed between the Union Government and State Governments for the protection of the environment in major cities of the country particularly in Maharashtra and Delhi or any proposal has been prepared in this regard;
(b) if so, the names of projects implemented by the Government to check pollution in cities during the last three years and the current year as on date along with the details of amount allocated and incurred, State-wise/UT-wise;
(c) whether the Government has reviewed pollution related projects in the State particularly in Maharashtra; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b) Since the existing mechanism provided under various Acts and Rules adequately spells out the mandate of the Central Government and the State Governments, it is not necessary to sign agreement between the Central Government and the State Governments including Government of Maharashtra and GNCT of Delhi. The Assistance for Abatement of Pollution, financial support for setting up of Common Effluent Treatment Plants and National Air Quality Monitoring Programme implemented in association with Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) / Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) are the important plan schemes aimed at pollution control. The details of financial support provided under these schemes are given at Annexure I and Annexure II respectively.

(c) & (d) The CPCB is coordinating the activities relating to prevention and control of pollution with the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs). CPCB periodically organize interactive and review meetings with SPCBs/PCCs including Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board on various issues relating to prevention and control of pollution. The important issues reviewed in such meetings and the action plans formulated include water and air quality monitoring, industry specific pollution abatement programmes, restoration of environmental quality in critically polluted areas, waste management, river cleaning programme etc.
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